

AGGREGATION AND DISSEMINATION OF  
HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INVENTORY DATA

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A system and method that automates the task of  
collecting information from different locations on the  
Internet and converts it from a variety of downloaded  
formats to standardized or consolidated formats for easier  
presentation and understanding. The invention includes a  
10   Raw Information Retriever, which communicates with various  
data providers via the Internet or other types of data  
lines. The raw information is supplied to a data collector  
which standardizes, consolidates or correlates information  
gathered from different sources and supplies it to an  
15   analyzer and report generator that provides the information  
to a user in a format that is easier to use or analyze the  
significance of gathered data.